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1. About the end of January 1948 machinery for the production of the torpedo of the "Avio" type was established and the manufacture of parts was started. By the end of April 1948, 7,000 unspecified parts were completed. The personnel engaged in production worked twelve hours per day. The steel used for the manufacture of these parts is called "Gustanj" (rapid).
2. It is planned that by the end of the current year, 300 torpedoes of the "Avio" type should be completed. It is thought, however, that this is improbable because of the lack of raw materials, such as copper and tin, in spite of the utilization of the bronze salvaged from the propellers and bushings of the liner "REX's" transmission shaft. Moreover, machine tools, especially mortising machines and lathes, are inadequate, although some lathes have been ordered from Italian firms.
3. Several special machines have arrived at Fiume from Switzerland via Hungary, so as to avoid control exerted on all imports through the UIVOD. This material included five machine tools for the manufacture of precision instruments. Two of them, hydraulically and mechanically operated respectively, were destined for the Fiume torpedo factory, while the remaining three, hydraulically operated, were sent to Belgrade. These machines are known as "Genobeise".
4. The screws adopted in the construction of the new torpedoes are no longer of the "Whitehead" type (gauged in inches). The screws now used are gauged in millimeters.
5. Two generators salvaged from the "REX" have been repaired. Blueprints are being made from them with a view to starting production of same.

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